

Reply To Examiner's Remarks

Claims 1-26 and new claims 27-44 are pending for consideration.

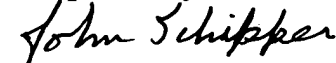
The Examiner requires submission of a new Declaration executed by the inventors. The Applicants submit an executed new Declaration with this response.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-26 under the nonstatutory double patenting doctrine, based on the disclosures in the parent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/034,369, now U.S. Patent No. 5,974,689. The Examiner indicates that timely filing of a Terminal Disclaimer referencing U.S. Serial No. 09/034,369, would overcome this rejection. The Applicants submit with this response an executed Terminal Disclaimer, referencing U.S. Serial No. 09/034,369, and a check for \$55.00 for the Disclaimer fee (Small Entity).

The Applicants believe that the Application is now in proper form for allowance and request that the Examiner pass the application, including claims 1-44, to issue as a U.S. patent.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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